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AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Charge d'affaires delivered reftel message December 1 to A/S-equivalent Anatoliy Oliynyk, who heads the MFA's NATO General Directorate. Charge previewed the President's message, noting that we are prepared to devote significant new resources to defeating al Qaida, but that our commitment in Afghanistan and Pakistan would not be open-ended. He added that we would welcome material and diplomatic support from allies and friends like Ukraine.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Oliynyk underscored the importance for Ukraine of defeating al Qaida, and undertook to convey our message to his leadership, noting that he would be flying with Minister Poroshenko to Brussels on December 3 for a NATO-Ukraine Commission ministerial.
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